

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION.

Please replace the section heading and paragraph at page 1, line 3, through page 1, line 8, (following the title) with the following rewritten paragraph and section heading:

--[Background]

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/454,533, filed December 6, 1999, now US Patent 6,610,824, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/892,549, filed July 14, 1997, now US Patent No. 5,998,367, which is a [division] divisional of [application Serial] Application No. 08/447,849, filed May 23, 1995, now US Patent No. 5,686,411, which is a continuation of [application Serial] Application No. 07/794,266, filed November 19, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of [application Serial] Application No. 07/667,040, filed March 8, 1991, which prior applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their totalities (including drawings).

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